



## **Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works**

**Date:** December 4, 2012

**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

**Referral:** Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee

**Subject:** **Traffic signal retiming in North, Northeast and Southeast Minneapolis**

### **Recommendation:**

- A. Authorize City Officers to enter into a contract with Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. for \$554,080 to retime the traffic signals located in north, northeast and southeast Minneapolis.
- B. Authorize the proper City officials to execute the agency agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation allowing for the State to act as the City's agent in accepting the federal funds.
- C. Adopt resolution appointing the Commissioner of Transportation as the City's agent in accepting federal aid funds for eligible transportation-related projects.

### **Previous Directives:**

- Resolution 2009R-587, 2010 Public Works Transportation Capital Improvement Fund TR010 (Traffic Management Systems)
- Resolution 2011R-660, 2012 Public Works Transportation Capital Improvement Fund TR010 (Traffic Management Systems)

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### **Approved by:**

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Steven A. Kotke, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

**Presenters:** Nickolas VanGunst, P.E., PTOE, Professional Engineer

### **Reviews**

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Approval	<b>Yes</b>	Date 9/12/12
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan	Approval	<b>NA</b>	Date
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Approval	<b>NA</b>	Date

**Financial Impact**

Action within Department Budget

**Community Impact**

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable

City Goals: An appropriately designed and well maintained City infrastructure will promote safe and efficient movement of our Police, Fire and Emergency units as well as the safe and efficient movement of our residents and traveling public.

Preserve and enhance our natural and historic environment and promote a clean, sustainable Minneapolis by preserving the ability to provide coordinated traffic flow thus continuing to reduce CO and hydrocarbon production.

Comprehensive Plan: Not applicable

Zoning Code: Not applicable

**Background/Supporting Information**

In August of 2007, the City of Minneapolis submitted a number of applications for Federal ISTEA funding to be available in 2012. The Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant funding applications submitted by the Public Works Traffic and Parking Services were successfully funded to retime all the traffic signals located in Minneapolis. The CMAQ goals for these projects are to reduce vehicle delay and fuel consumption by developing and implementing new traffic signal timing plans. The federal funding covers 80% of the project costs with the remaining 20% coming from various sources. The funding for these projects was identified in our five year Capital Improvement Project program.

There are three retiming projects, the Central Business District project, the South Minneapolis project, and the North/Northeast/Southeast Minneapolis project. The Central Business District and South Minneapolis projects are underway. The North/Northeast/Southeast Minneapolis project, the subject of this letter, is proposed to start in January of next year and be completed by July of 2014.

**North/Northeast/Southeast Minneapolis Retiming Project**

Public Works developed a Request for Proposal for traffic engineering services to assist in the retiming of the traffic signals in North, Northeast and Southeast Minneapolis. This proposal was reviewed and approved by the PRC on September 12, 2012. Public Works received five consultant proposals. After reviewing the proposals and inviting the top three candidates in for an oral presentation, Public Works selected Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. to complete the project.

Therefore, Public Works is recommending the selection of Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. and requesting that City Officers be directed to enter into a contract with Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. in the amount of \$554,080 for their traffic engineering services to help retime the traffic signals in North, Northeast and Southeast Minneapolis.

Public Works is also requesting that City Officers be directed to execute an agency agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT), which would allow for MNDOT to act as the City's agent in accepting federal aid in connection with this project and to process the project's federal reimbursements.

## **RESOLUTION FOR AGENCY AGREEMENT**

### **Appointing the Commissioner of Transportation as agent of the City of Minneapolis and entering into an agreement to accept federal aid funds for eligible transportation-related projects**

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of the City of Minneapolis to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation-related projects.

Be It Further Resolved that the proper City officers are hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the City of Minneapolis, to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 97383", a copy of which said agreement was before the City Council and which is made a part hereof by reference.